Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The price of freedom is only one generation away from extinction; and,

Whereas, The leadership of America's armed forces rests upon officers well versed in both formal education and honed skills of their profession; and,

Whereas, The Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program provides military leadership for our nation and state; and,

Whereas, Army ROTC has provided our state and nation with leaders since 1885; and,

Whereas, Air Force ROTC has provided our nation with leaders since 1947; and,

Whereas, South Dakota State University's ROTC program upholds a sense of value, a sense of scholarship, and a sense of tradition in a world where eternal readiness is the guardian of freedom; and,

Whereas, It is only fitting and proper those who served our nation in time of need should celebrate their accomplishments and receive praise for a job well done; and,

***Now, Therefore*, I, M. Michael Rounds**, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 12-13, 2008, as

LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP DAYS

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-eighth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Teresa J. Bray, Deputy

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State